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***Former Treutlen County Sheriff Wayne Hooks  
Sentenced***

**SAVANNAH:** Paul B. Murphy, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that **Wallace Wayne Hooks**, 50, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Dublin, Georgia, by Chief U.S. District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr.. Hooks, the former Sheriff of Treutlen County, Georgia, was sentenced to five years probation to include six months of home detention. He was found guilty by a jury on August 22, 2003, of depriving two citizens of their civil rights under color of law during their arrest on October 27, 2001. Hooks was convicted of two counts of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

The evidence at trial proved that Hooks slapped both arrestees while they were handcuffed with their hands behind their backs and in his custody at the Treutlen County Jail. Hooks resigned as Sheriff of Treutlen County on August 22, 2003. Hooks must also pay \$200 special assessments and a fine of \$3500.00.

The investigation was conducted by FBI Special Agent Vincent Dreaden. The United States was represented by former United States Attorney Rick Thompson, Lisa Krigsten of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and Assistant United States Attorney Frank J. DiMarino.

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